

SCAN SKILLS: Organizes and processes symbols, pictures and other information
Locates, understands and interprets written Information

In the United States, there are many types of housing available. People live in apartments, townhouses, condos, duplexes, single family homes or mobile homes. Look at the pictures below and read the definitions to understand the different types of housing. Then complete the practice exercises.



SINGLE FAMILY HOME



APARTMENT BUILDING



MOBILE HOME



TOWNHOUSE



DUPLEX



CONDOMINIUM (CONDO)

SINGLE FAMILY HOME

1. **A single family home** is also called a **house**.
2. A single family home does not share walls with any other homes.
3. It usually has a front yard and a backyard.
4. The owner of the house is responsible for **maintenance** of the whole house including the grounds such as cutting the lawn, getting a new roof, etc.

CONDOMINIUM

1. **A condominium is** also called a **condo**.
2. It is usually less expensive than a single family home.
3. A condo complex has units that are like apartments.
4. A condo complex can be big with several hundred units or small with only three or four units. All the units in the complex share common areas.
5. The **condo association** is responsible for the maintenance of these common areas.

TOWNHOUSE

1. **A townhouse is** like a condominium but it has two or more stories, rather than the typical one floor found in a condominium.
2. In a townhouse, you share one or more walls with the other units.
3. A townhouse may also have a small yard.
4. Townhouses are available in many shapes and sizes.
5. Most townhouses may have yards or common spaces that can be used by the owners.

DUPLEX

1. A **duplex** is a building that has two separate family units, under the same roof.
2. Both the units in a duplex are **identical**. That means they are exactly the same.

APARTMENT BUILDING

1. An **apartment building** is a structure with individual apartment units.
2. All the units share a common entrance and hallway.
3. Apartment units in the city can be several stories high. These are called **high risers**.
4. Most apartment buildings in our area, i.e. Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Fountain Valley are not high risers.
5. Most apartment buildings have a **manager** who takes care of collecting the rent and maintenance problems.

MOBILE HOME

1. A **mobile home** is a unit that sits on wheels and may be moved.
2. A mobile home is made in a factory.
3. Mobile homes are placed in a Mobile home park.

LANDLORDS, TENANTS AND MANAGERS:

The **landlord** is the person who owns the property. It can be a single family house, a condo, a townhouse, a duplex or an apartment building.

A **tenant** is the person who rents the property.

A **manager** is the person who takes care of the property, collects rent and deals with tenants' issues. He may or may not be the landlord.

HOUSING LESSON 1 PRACTICE

LEVEL: BEGINNING LOW – HIGH

PART A

Look at the pictures in Lesson 1 and answer the following questions:

1. I live in a/an _____.
2. In my country, most people live in a/an _____.
3. I would like to live in a/an _____.

PART B

Read the statements and circle T if it is True or F if it is False:

T	F	1. A townhouse is usually single storied.
T	F	2. The landlord is always the manager.
T	F	3. The tenant must take care of the common grounds in a condo.
T	F	4. A single family home is also known as a house.
T	F	5. A duplex has 2 units that are identical.
T	F	6. In a townhouse you share a wall with other units.
T	F	7. Some townhouses have small yards.
T	F	8. A single family home does not share walls with any other property.

PART C:

Look at the pictures and circle the correct answer

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